

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BUCHAR 04959 260956Z

12

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-05 NSAE-00 PA-01

RSC-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 /029 W

----- 004776

R 260916Z OCT 74

FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0653

INFO AMCONSUL MUNICH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUCHAREST 4959

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, RO

SUBJ: ELECTRICITY MINISTER BABALAU REPLACED

CONSTANTIN BABALAU, PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE MEMBER, HAS BEEN REPLACED AS MINISTER OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY (SCINTEIA, OCTOBER 25). BABALAU HAS BEEN VIEWED AS A USEFUL, TRUSTED TROUBLESHOOTER BUT NOT CAPABLE OF GOING MUCH HIGHER. AFTER BECOMING MINISTER IN DECEMBER 1972 AFTER TOUR AS DOLJ PARTY FIRST SECRETARY, HE GAINED NO GREAT REPUTATION FOR COMPETENCE; ONE SOURCE HAS SPECULATED THAT BABALAU MAY BE SCAPEGOAT FOR ARGES DAM ACCIDENT THIS SUMMER, BUT IT ALSO MAY BE THAT CEAUSESCU IS CONCERNED THAT ELECTRICAL ENERGY SECTOR HAS NOT BEEN PUSHED FORCEFULLY ENOUGH. POWER HAS BECOME HIGH-PRIORITY SECTOR, IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY, AND HAS HIGH GOALS AND SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES AS ROMANIA MUST INCREASINGLY LOOK ABROAD TO FILL ENERGY REQUIREMENTS. BABALAU'S REPLACEMENT, NICOLAE MANESCU, CANDIDATE PARTY CC MEMBER AND ONETIME BOSS OF IRON GATES DAM PROJECT, IS BONAFIDE ENGINEER AND, ACCORDING TO SOVIET DCM, IS KNOWN AS TOP-FLIGHT MANAGER WITH TECHNICAL ORIENTATION.

BARNES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, PARTY LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BUCHAR04959
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740308-0524
From: BUCHAREST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741014/aaaaalba.tel
Line Count: 49
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 1
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 MAY 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <12 MAR 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ELECTRICITY MINISTER BABALAU REPLACED CONSTANTIN BABALAU, PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE MEMBER
TAGS: PINT, RO, (BABALAU, CONSTANTIN)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005